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**PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS**

**FREEDOM MAN, MEMBER OF "OUTLAWS" MOTORCYCLE CLUB,  
CONVICTED OF FEDERAL WEAPON CHARGES**

**Re: United States v. John NOWOSELSKI**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, N.H. State Police Colonel Frederick H. Booth, and Clifford Ellston, the Resident Agent in Charge of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, announced that **John NOWOSELSKI**, 44 of Freedom, NH was convicted today of weapon possession charges.

NOWOSELSKI was arrested by the New Hampshire State Police Special Investigations Unit on April 16, 2004. According to an affidavit in support of a Criminal Complaint issued on April 1, 2004, by U.S. Magistrate Judge James Muirhead, the State Police seized 12 firearms and evidence of cocaine use from Nowoselski's Freedom residence during a search conducted in October, 2002. NOWOSELSKI admitted to habitual drug use to the investigating detective, and to being a member of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club, which has chapters nationwide, including New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

NOWOSELSKI entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Paul Barbadoro to an information alleging that he unlawfully possessed the firearms. Unlawful drug users are prohibited under federal law from possessing firearms.

Judge Barbadoro released NOWOSELSKI to the supervision of the U.S. Department of Probation pending his sentencing hearing scheduled for January 31, 2005 at U.S. District Court in Concord. NOWOSELSKI faces a potential maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, "NOWOSELSKI's conviction exemplifies this Office's commitment to aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by Attorney General Ashcroft's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" initiative. Keeping firearms out of

the hands of unlawful drug users is important for public safety, and is one of Project Safe Neighborhood's objectives. This office will vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we continue to implement Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire."

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a federal program to reduce gun violence in New Hampshire by aggressive investigation and prosecution of firearm offenders, education of the public, and training of law enforcement officers about firearms laws. Attorney General John Ashcroft calls Project Safe Neighborhoods "a revolutionary campaign against gun crime in America."

The conviction resulted from an investigation conducted by the N.H. State Police and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.

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